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Applicant: Wilfried MERKEL

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of October 7, 2003, please
amend the application as follows: